

Weekly Summary Of Legislative Acts

This is the first of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the 1947 session of the General Assembly. These summaries are not intended as a report of all legislation, but are confined to discussions of matters of general interest or of major importance.

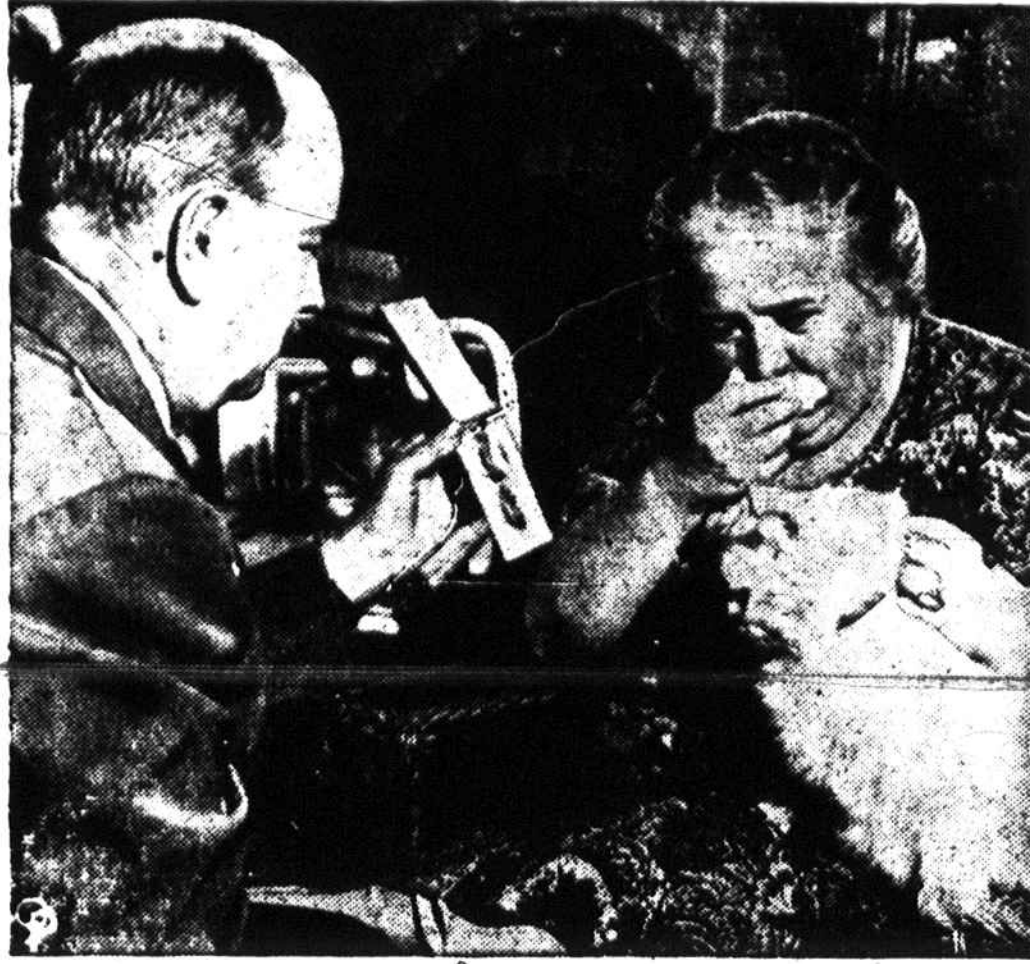
The speed with which the 1947 session of the General Assembly apparently organized itself and got ready to do business gave rise to some faint hope that the objective of Senate Resolution 2 introduced on the first day of the session, providing for adjournment on Monday, March 10, (which would mean a remarkably short session of 53 legislative days as against 67 legislative days in 1945), might be realized or at least approached. This faint hope received a slight boost when both House and Senate committees were named on the second day, as against the fifth and sixth days respectively in 1945, and when the major money bills—the biennial appropriations bill and the budget revenue bill—were introduced on the fifth day as against the seventh day in 1945. Also, the speed with which other measures were being presented lent some encouragement: at the close of the business on the ninth day, the Senate was exactly even with the last Senate on the corresponding day of the last session with 34 bills in the hopper, while the House had

outstripped its predecessor's record by 50 bills to the 1945 House's 30.

The faint hope raised by these evidences of a business-like attitude was quickly dispelled by the happenings of the first few days. It soon became clear that the Assembly's organization was a technical rather than a smoothly working one, and that, while the seriousness of purpose of the individual members could not be doubted, the purposes being pursued so seriously were by no means identical. The Assembly shows promise of being an exceptionally hard working one, but hardly exceptionally harmonious one.

The first sign that all was not to be moonlight and roses came in the House on the first day when the committee on rules recommended the temporary adoption of the 1945 rules. As was expected, Representative Umstead of Orange immediately led a fight to amend the rules which require two-thirds votes instead of simple majorities to take a bill from a committee and place it on the calendar or to take a bill from the unfavorable calendar and place it on the favorable calendar when the unfavorable report of the committee is accompanied by a minority favorable report. After considerable debate and much parliamentary maneuvering, temporary and then permanent rules were adopted with the two-thirds rules intact, and by

Honoring 'Seeing Eye' Cat



NEWSPAPER REPORTER Stuart Phister (left) presents medal to guide cat "Baby" in Los Angeles. The cat was honored by New York's Greenwich Village Humane League for his faithful devotion to his blind mistress, Mrs. Carolyn Swanson (right). (International Soundphoto)

Glenville 4-H Club Has January Meet

The Glenville 4-H club met at the Glenville school Tuesday with County Agent M. L. Snipes and Miss Helen Sossamon, home demonstration agent, present for the meeting.

Children of the 4th, 5th, and 7th grades presented the program. The children of the fourth grade gave rules for the care of the teeth, using posters and paper models to illustrate.

The fifth and seventh grade children sang the following folk songs: "Froggie Went A Courtin'," "The Miller and His Sons," and "Billy Boy." Also featured on the program was a duet, "Barbara Allen," by Patsy Stiwinter and Janet Coggins; "Old Gray Beard," by Janet Coggins and "Good Old Man," by Billy Roe Carver and David Pruet, Jr.

R. L. Pruet is president of the club, Mary Henderson, secretary, and faculty advisors are L. A. Ammons, Maude M. Hutchinson,

Funeral Rites Held For W.H. Phillips

Funeral services for William Houston Phillips, 80, who died at his home in Cowarts Friday, were held at Catherines Chapel Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Phillips, a life long resident of Jackson county and a retired farmer, had been in ill health for several months.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Luther Phillips of Cowarts and Ernest Phillips of Enka; three daughters, Mrs. Bergen Adkins of Ramseytown, Mrs. Eunice Birchfield of Bryson City, and Mrs. Olimay Parker of Cowarts; four brothers, Allen, Western and Jim Phillips, all of Cowarts and S. Jerome Phillips of Willets; and one sister, Mrs. Will Snyder of Hazelwood.

Elaine M. Norton, and Irene S. Cline.

better than a two-thirds vote. This was regarded as a substantial administration victory, and it may have seemed at the moment that the administration had a substantial working majority in the House—a matter which has been in doubt. The doubt was given some substance by the determined fight over the Supplemental Appropriations bill—SB 11, identical to HB 14. That bill as originally drawn would have provided average increases in the pay of teachers and other state employes for the last six months of the current year of 20 per cent for those in the "lower" brackets (those now making up to \$2,700 per year) and a flat increase of \$45 per month for those now making from \$2,701 to \$6,600 per year, except constitutional officers, the 20 per cent increase being in accord with Governor Cherry's recommendation in his address to the joint session. Introduced in both chambers on Thursday, the bill was reported favorable to both bodies on Friday, when the Senate immediately passed its bill and sent it over to the House for similar speedy action. The House not only balked, however, but in the face of a determined fight by supporters of the original bill, adopted an amendment which raised increases to 30 per cent on salaries up to \$1,200, and to 25 per cent on salaries of \$1,201 through \$2,700. Back to the Senate went the bill for a concurrence in the House amendment, but this time the Senate balked and refused to accept the

House amendment. The bill then went to a conference committee which brought out a report which, while allocating the salary increases substantially the same amount of funds which would have been required by the House amendment, by and largely maintained the principal of not more than a 20 per cent increase. This report the Senate quickly accepted but the House rejected, resulting in the discharge of the conference committee. At week's end, the Speaker of the House had reappointed an enlarged representation to a conference committee, the President of the Senate was expected to do so Monday, and there the matter rested. All of which presages some hard and bitter skirmishes on many items in the record breaking biennial appropriations bill.

In addition to the usual biennial revenue and appropriations bills, the Assembly also received a bill to set aside an additional \$9,300,000 in its Post War Reserve Fund, raising that fund to an approximate \$30,000,000, and another bill to transfer \$44,501,437 from the present and expected surplus to a Permanent Improvements fund, to be used, subject to certain conditions, for a building program. The State is dealing in increasingly large figures. We set out below for purposes of comparison the actual appropriations adopted by the 1945 legislature, including amounts added by amendments, and the appropriations called for by this session's original bill:

	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49
GENERAL FUND				
Legislative	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 225,000
Judicial	458,593	458,593	507,991	507,991
Executive & Administrative	4,007,419	3,818,953	5,895,446	5,900,126
Educational Institutions	4,938,002	4,593,187	7,041,332	6,961,127
Charitable and Correctional Institutions	5,457,342	4,649,810	7,718,556	7,630,381
State Aid and Obligations	5,500,221	5,498,496	8,221,639	8,159,281
Pensions	266,200	266,200	319,200	279,200
Contingency and Emergency	750,000	750,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Public Schools	44,346,824	44,620,500	60,530,174	61,353,160
Debt Service	151,858	72,413		66,355
TOTALS	\$65,876,459	\$64,928,152	\$121,234,338	\$122,082,781
AGRICULTURE FUND				
Department of Agriculture	751,137	751,132	1,014,989	999,334
HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND				
Highway and Public Works	40,055,020	45,138,290	52,567,745	52,303,245
Debt Service (Highway Fund)	7,576,708	7,441,239	7,278,114	5,612,864
Totals	\$47,631,728	\$52,579,529	\$59,845,859	\$57,916,109
GRAND TOTALS	\$114,259,324	\$118,258,813	\$182,080,197	\$180,000,890

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